

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

August 16, 2006

In re Application of: Cris E. Pasto  
Serial No. 10/720,997  
Filed: 11/24/20003  
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BUTTRESS STABILIZATION**  
Examiner: Chan, Ko Hung  
Art Unit: 3632  
Attorney Docket No.: RQJ-005CIP  
Confirmation No.: 3390

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Non-final Office Action of July 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.